

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, First Regular Session 2007

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION STATING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND ENCOURAGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN IDAHO TO RECOGNIZE OCTOBER AS "DISABILITY HISTORY MONTH" AND TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND EVENTS RELATED THERETO.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

Whereas, In order to ensure the full inclusion of people with disabilities into society, it is necessary to expand the public's knowledge, awareness and understanding of the history of people with disabilities and the disability rights movement; and

Whereas, a 2005 study conducted by Boise State University on behalf of the Idaho State Independent Living Council, found that approximately 45% of the households in Idaho include at least one person with a disability, and

Whereas, the disability rights movement is a civil rights movement that is an important part of the history of this state and this country; and

Whereas, October is recognized nationally as Disability Awareness Month; and

Whereas , there is a need to include instruction on disability history, people with disabilities and the disability rights movement into the existing public school curriculum, and

Whereas, there is a need to increase the awareness and understanding of the history and contributions of people with disabilities in the state, nation and world by designating the annual observance of the month of October as "Disability History Month"; and

Whereas, by designating the month of October as "Disability History Month", students and the public will have the opportunity to learn about the history and contributions of people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Fifty-ninth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that public schools and public and private institutions of higher education in Idaho are encouraged to recognize the month of October as "Disability History Month" and to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities and the disability rights movement. The instruction should be integrated into the existing school curriculum in a manner such as, but not limited to, supplementing existing lesson plans, holding school assemblies or providing other school activities and delivered by school personnel or by guest speakers.